

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/AU03/01028

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : B63B 1/14, B63B 1/22		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI IPC B63B 1/ and keywords: ski, float, pod and damp etc.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3922994 A (DE LONG) 2 December 1975 Whole document	1-6, 11-13, 15, 28, 32, 33, 36, 40, 42
X	AU 11798/43 (121318 B) (HOOK) 2 May 1946 Figs. 1-10	1-4, 11-14, 28, 32, 33
X	FR 2766785 A1 (LARGUIER) 5 February 1999 Fig 1 of Drawing sheets 1/6, 3/6 and 5/6	1-4, 7-13, 28, 32, 33
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X	FR 2546474 A1 (CABROL) 30 November 1984 Abstract; page 9, lines 5-11 and figs. 1-7	1-4, 7-13, 15, 28, 29, 32-36, 40, 42
X	FR 2607097 A1 (DELCHAMBRE) 27 May 1988 Whole document	1-4, 7-13, 15, 28, 32-36, 40, 42
X	FR 2451312 A1 (VERNIER) 10 October 1980 Figs. 1-2	1-4, 7-13, 15, 28, 32, 33, 36, 40, 42
X	JP 2002-193181 A (UEDA) 10 July 2002 Figs. 1-7	1-4, 7-13, 15, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 40 42
X	FR 2541962 A1 (LE BLAY) 7 September 1984 Whole document	1-4, 7, 11-13, 15, 28, 29, 32-34, 36, 40, 42
X	AU 87031/91 A (EDWARDS) 14 May 1992 Page 2, lines 20-25; fig. 2	1-4, 7, 11-15, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 40, 42
X	CA 2119417 A1 (MOOG) 19 September 1995 Page 4, line 25-page 6, line 29; figs. 1a-2	42
X	EP 102886 B1 (FORESTIER) 28 January 1987 Column 3, lines 34-43 and drawings	42
X	WO 98/08732 A1 (NEWPORT TECHNOLOGIES LTD.) 5 March 1998 Page 4, line 6-page 5, line 15; page 11, lines 10-31	42
X	WO 84/01337 A1 (JEANNET) 12 April 1984 Whole document	42
X	FR 2678232 A1 (SANTONI) 31 December 1992 Figs. 1-2A	42

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-41 are directed to a water craft including at least four water engaging means linked by interconnection means.
 2. Claim 42 is directed to a watercraft including a plurality of water engaging means and at least one damping means.
1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
 2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
 3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member	
US	3922994	NONE	
FR	2766785	FR	2766789
FR	2546474	NONE	
FR	2607097	NONE	
FR	2451312	NONE	
FR	2541962	NONE	
AU	87031/91	NONE	
CA	2119417	NONE	
EP	102886	FR	2531398
WO	9808732	AU	42358/97
WO	8401337	AU	20333/83
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FR	2678232	NONE	
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